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### Office Action Summary

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**Status**

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 12 February 2010.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

**Disposition of Claims**

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-19 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

**Application Papers**

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 19 February 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

**Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119**

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some \* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

**Attachment(s)**

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/GS/US)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

**DETAILED ACTION**

***Response to Amendment***

1. This office action is filed in response to the amendment filed on 12 February 2010.

***Response to Arguments***

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1 and 8 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112***

3. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

4. Claim 1 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
  5. Claim 1 recites the limitation "a corresponding print" in line 5. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim. It appears to the examiner that the claim should recite "said print job".
  6. Claims 1 and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. Claims 1 and 8 recite "adapted to". Such language suggests or makes optional but does not require steps to be performed or does not limit a claim to a particular structure does not limit the scope of a claim or claim limitation.
- See MPEP § 2111.04.

***Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103***

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 1-4, 6-12, and 14-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tuchitoi et al (US 7,145,683).in view of Ferlitsch (US 7,190,477), Barrett et al (US 5,935,262) and Imbrie et al (US 2002/0169002).

9. Regarding Claim 1, Tuchitoi et al teaches a system for processing print jobs in a network containing a client station adapted to submit print jobs (Fig. 1, host 100), and at least one printing device including a control unit and a printer (Fig. 1, printer 150), the control unit including storage means for storing the print jobs and the corresponding print account jobs submitted from the client station to the printing device (Fig. 1, information manager 160 stores a print job or device information in the database) (col. 8, line 64 - col. 9, line 5); and means for validating the stored print jobs for printing (user ID and a password) (col. 10, lines 33-37), wherein said validating means receives the print account jobs (user ID and password are used for the authentication of a packet transmitted) (col. 10, lines 33-37).

Tuchitoi et al fails to teach a system wherein the network contains a plurality of client stations adapted to submit print jobs, wherein each of the client stations includes means for generating and submitting a print account job which is generated as a second print job, the print account job containing account information of a corresponding print

job and linked to the corresponding print job by a linking identifier; and wherein said validating means receives the print account jobs and validates a corresponding print job for printing in the case a valid print account job generated as the second print job has been received

Ferlitsch teaches a system wherein the network contains a plurality of client stations (Fig 4, clients 4 and 50) adapted to submit print jobs (capable of initiating print jobs of one or more documents) (col. 10, line 6 -col. 11, line10), wherein each of the client stations includes means for generating and submitting a print account job (an additional file may be kept in the spool directory that maintains an ordered list of spooled print jobs for each printing device) (col. 10, lines 25-38), the print account job containing account information of a corresponding print job and linked to the corresponding print job by a linking identifier (each entry includes information for identifying the spool data, the header and queue information for a print job) (col. 10, lines 25-38).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoy with the teachings of Ferlitsch to allow a user to identify a spooled print job by its job ticket information.

Tuchitoy et al and Ferlitsch fail to teach wherein the print account job is generated as a second print job.

Barrett et al teaches wherein the print account job is generated as a second print job (log file can be treated as a separate print application) (col. 16, lines 52-61),

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoy and Ferlitsch with the teaching of Barrett to output the print account job as a separate print job for future reference of the printing history

Tuchitoy et al, Ferlitsch, and Barrett et al fail to teach wherein said validating means receives the print account jobs and validates a corresponding print job for printing.

Imbrie et al teaches wherein said validating means receives the print account jobs and validates a corresponding print job for printing (requiring the user to input an ID is the first of two steps by which the print job is linked to the user at the printing assembly) (page 4, paragraph [0052]) (submits a secure ID to identify the account to which the print job belongs) (abstract).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoy, Ferlitsch, and Barrett with the teaching of Imbrie to have the print account job validate the corresponding print job to identify the account to which the print job belongs.

10. Regarding Claim 2, Tuchitoy et al teaches a system, wherein the client station comprises a job submitter including said means for generating and submitting the print account jobs (Fig. 1, job packet generator 107) (col. 9, lines 51-57).

11. Regarding Claim 3, Tuchitoy et al teaches a system, wherein a server station is adapted to intercept a submitted print job, said server station comprising means for generating and submitting a print account job containing account information of the

intercepted print job, wherein the print account job is linked to the corresponding print job by a linking identifier (job attribute ID) col. 10, lines 42-57).

12. Regarding Claim 4, Tuchitoi et al teaches a system, wherein the server station is adapted to communicate with a client station to obtain account information of the intercepted print job for insertion in the print account job (job attribute ID) (col. 10, lines 42-57).

13. Regarding Claim 6, Tuchitoi et al teaches a system, wherein the control unit of the printing device is adapted to receive the print jobs, and the corresponding print account jobs (controller synchronizes the individual sections so as to correctly perform a plurality of print jobs) (col. 8, lines 54-60), and wherein said validating means are part of the control unit of the printing device (user ID and password are used for the authentication of a packet transmitted) (col. 10, lines 33-37).

14. Regarding Claim 7, Tuchitoi et al teaches a system, wherein the control unit moves the validated print job from the holding queue to the printing queue to be printed (drawing object is temporarily stored in the drawing unit until the actual printing is initiated) (col. 9, lines 17-25) and moves the print account job to the account log file in the case the valid print account job has been received (job attribute setup operation) (col. 10, line 42-57).

Tuchitoi fails to teach a system, wherein the storage means includes a holding, queue, a printing queue and an account log file.

Ferlitsch teaches a system, wherein the storage means (Fig. 5, print server) includes a holding, queue, a printing queue and an account log file (print server spooler maintains print job tickets in one or more job ticket print queues) (col. 12, lines 36-45).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoy with the teaching of Ferlitsch to have a centralized file storage location to provide shared printer services and increase the processing speed of the network.

15. Regarding Claim 8, Tuchitoy et al teaches a printing device (Fig. 1, printer 150), comprising a control unit (Fig. 1, information manager 160) and a printer (Fig. 1, printer engine 158), storage means for storing the print job and the corresponding print account job in a holding queue (Fig. 1, information manager 160 stores a print job or device information in the database) (col. 8, line 64-col. 9, line 5), means for validating the stored printing job for printing (user ID and a password) (col. 10, lines 33-37),

Tuchitoy et al fails to teach wherein the control unit is adapted to receive a print job, a corresponding print account job generated as a second print job and said validating means being adapted to receive the corresponding print account job and validate the print job for printing in case the corresponding print account job generated as the second print job is valid.

Ferlitsch teaches wherein the control unit is adapted to receive a print job (capable of initiating print jobs of one or more documents) (col. 10, line 61-col. 11, line 10) and a corresponding print job (each entry includes information for identifying the spool data, the header, and the queue information for a print job) (col. 10, lines 25-38).



Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoy with the teachings of Ferlitsch to allow a user to identify a spooled print job by its job ticket information.

Tuchitoy et al and Ferlitsch fail to teach a corresponding print account job generated as a second print job.

Barrett et al teaches a corresponding print account job generated as a second print job (log file can be treated as a separate print application) (col. 16, lines 52-61),

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoy and Ferlitsch with the teaching of Barrett to output the print account job as a separate print job for future reference of the printing history

Tuchitoy et al, Ferlitsch, and Barrett et al fail to teach validating means being adapted to receive the corresponding print account job and validate the print job for printing in case the corresponding print account job generated as the second print job is valid

Imbrie et al teaches validating means being adapted to receive the corresponding print account job and validate the print job for printing in case the corresponding print account job generated as the second print job is valid (requiring the user to input an ID is the first of two steps by which the print job is linked to the user at the printing assembly) (page 4, paragraph [0052]) (submits a secure ID to identify the account to which the print job belongs) (abstract).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoi, Ferlitsch, and Barrett with the teaching of Imbrie to have the print account job validate the corresponding print job to identify the account to which the print job belongs.

16. Regarding Claim 9, Tuchitoi et al teaches a system, wherein the control unit moves the validated print job from the holding queue to the printing queue to be printed (drawing object is temporarily stored in the drawing unit until the actual printing is initiated) (col. 9, lines 17-25) and moves the print account job to the account log file in the case the valid print account job has been received (job attribute setup operation) (col. 10, line 42-57).

Tuchitoi fails to teach a system, wherein the storage means further includes a holding, queue, a printing queue and an account log file.

Ferlitsch teaches a system, wherein the storage means (Fig. 5, print server) further includes a holding, queue, a printing queue and an account log file (print server spooler maintains print job tickets in one or more job ticket print queues) (col. 12, lines 36-45).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoi with the teaching of Ferlitsch to have a centralized file storage location to provide shared printer services and increase the processing speed of the network.

17. Regarding Claim 10, Tuchitoi et al teaches a the client station being adapted to submit print jobs, wherein a job submitter is provided, including means for generating

and submitting a print account job containing account information of a print job (Fig. 1, job packet generator 107) (col. 9, lines 51-57)., the print account job being linked to the corresponding print job by a linking identifier (job attribute ID) (col. 10, lines 42-57).

18. Regarding Claim 11, Tuchitoy et al teaches a server station, wherein the server station is adapted to intercept a submitted print job, the server station comprising means for generating and submitting a print account job containing account information of the intercepted print job, wherein the print account job is linked to the corresponding print job by a linking identifier (job attribute ID) col. 10, lines 42-57).

19. Regarding Claim 12, Tuchitoy et al teaches a server station, which is adapted to communicate with a client station to obtain account information of the intercepted print job for insertion in the print account job (job attribute ID) (col. 10, lines 42-57).

20. Regarding Claim 14, Tuchitoy et al teaches a computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium comprising program instructions for a computer to operate as a client station adapted to submit print jobs (Fig. 1, host 100), and at least one printing device including a control unit and a printer (Fig. 1, printer 150), the control unit including storage means for storing the print jobs and the corresponding print account jobs submitted from the client station to the printing device (Fig. 1, information manager 160 stores a print job or device information in the database) (col. 8, line 64 - col. 9, line 5); and means for validating the stored print jobs for printing (user ID and a password) (col. 10, lines 33-37), wherein said validating means receives the print account jobs (user ID and password are used for the authentication of a packet transmitted) (col. 10, lines 33-37).

Tuchitoy et al fails to teach a system wherein the network contains a plurality of client stations adapted to submit print jobs, wherein each of the client stations includes means for generating and submitting a print account job which is generated as a second print job, the print account job containing account information of a corresponding print job and linked to the corresponding print job by a linking identifier; and wherein said validating means receives the print account jobs and validates a corresponding print job for printing in the case a valid print account job generated as the second print job has been received

Ferlitsch teaches a system wherein the network contains a plurality of client stations (Fig 4, clients 4 and 50) adapted to submit print jobs (capable of initiating print jobs of one or more documents) (col. 10, line 61-col. 11, line10), wherein each of the client stations includes means for generating and submitting a print account job (an additional file may be kept in the spool directory that maintains an ordered list of spooled print jobs for each printing device) (col. 10, lines 25-38), the print account job containing account information of a corresponding print job and linked to the corresponding print job by a linking identifier (each entry includes information for identifying the spool data, the header and queue information for a print job) (col. 10, lines 25-38).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoy with the teachings of Ferlitsch to allow a user to identify a spooled print job by its job ticket information.

Tuchitoy et al and Ferlitsch fail to teach wherein the print account job is generated as a second print job.

Barrett et al teaches wherein the print account job is generated as a second print job (log file can be treated as a separate print application) (col. 16, lines 52-61),

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoy and Ferlitsch with the teaching of Barrett to output the print account job as a separate print job for future reference of the printing history

Tuchitoy et al, Ferlitsch, and Barrett et al fail to teach wherein said validating means receives the print account jobs and validates a corresponding print job for printing.

Imbrie et al teaches wherein said validating means receives the print account jobs and validates a corresponding print job for printing (requiring the user to input an ID is the first of two steps by which the print job is linked to the user at the printing assembly) (page 4, paragraph [0052]) (submits a secure ID to identify the account to which the print job belongs) (abstract).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoy, Ferlitsch, and Barrett with the teaching of Imbrie to have the print account job validate the corresponding print job to identify the account to which the print job belongs.

21. Regarding Claim 15, Tuchitoy et al teaches a computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium comprising program instructions for a computer to operate

as a control unit of the printing device in the system for processing print jobs in a network containing a client station adapted to submit print jobs (Fig. 1, host 100), and at least one printing device including a control unit and a printer (Fig. 1, printer 150), the control unit including storage means for storing the print jobs and the corresponding print account jobs submitted from the client station to the printing device (Fig. 1, information manager 160 stores a print job or device information in the database) (col. 8, line 64 - col. 9, line 5); and means for validating the stored print jobs for printing (user ID and a password) (col. 10, lines 33-37), wherein said validating means receives the print account jobs (user ID and password are used for the authentication of a packet transmitted) (col. 10, lines 33-37).

Tuchitoi et al fails to teach a system wherein the network contains a plurality of client stations adapted to submit print jobs, wherein each of the client stations includes means for generating and submitting a print account job which is generated as a second print job, the print account job containing account information of a corresponding print job and linked to the corresponding print job by a linking identifier; and wherein said validating means receives the print account jobs and validates a corresponding print job for printing in the case a valid print account job generated as the second print job has been received

Ferlitsch teaches a system wherein the network contains a plurality of client stations (Fig 4, clients 4 and 50) adapted to submit print jobs (capable of initiating print jobs of one or more documents) (col. 10, line 61-col. 11, line10), wherein each of the client stations includes means for generating and submitting a print account job (an

additional file may be kept in the spool directory that maintains an ordered list of spooled print jobs for each printing device) (col. 10, lines 25-38), the print account job containing account information of a corresponding print job and linked to the corresponding print job by a linking identifier (each entry includes information for identifying the spool data, the header and queue information for a print job) (col. 10, lines 25-38).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoy with the teachings of Ferlitsch to allow a user to identify a spooled print job by its job ticket information.

Tuchitoy et al and Ferlitsch fail to teach wherein the print account job is generated as a second print job.

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Tuchitoy et al, Ferlitsch, and Barrett et al fail to teach wherein said validating means receives the print account jobs and validates a corresponding print job for printing.

Imbrie et al teaches wherein said validating means receives the print account jobs and validates a corresponding print job for printing (requiring the user to input an ID

is the first of two steps by which the print job is linked to the user at the printing assembly) (page 4, paragraph [0052]) (submits a secure ID to identify the account to which the print job belongs) (abstract).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoi, Ferlitsch, and Barrett with the teaching of Imbrie to have the print account job validate the corresponding print job to identify the account to which the print job belongs.

22. Regarding Claim 16, Tuchitoi et al teaches a computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium comprising program instructions for a computer to operate as a server station in the system for processing print jobs in a network containing a client station adapted to submit print jobs (Fig. 1, host 100), and at least one printing device including a control unit and a printer (Fig. 1, printer 150), the control unit including storage means for storing the print jobs and the corresponding print account jobs submitted from the client station to the printing device (Fig. 1, information manager 160 stores a print job or device information in the database) (col. 8, line 64 - col. 9, line 5); and means for validating the stored print jobs for printing (user ID and a password) (col. 10, lines 33-37), wherein said validating means receives the print account jobs (user ID and password are used for the authentication of a packet transmitted) (col. 10, lines 33-37).

Tuchitoi et al fails to teach a system wherein the network contains a plurality of client stations adapted to submit print jobs, wherein each of the client stations includes means for generating and submitting a print account job which is generated as a second



print job, the print account job containing account information of a corresponding print job and linked to the corresponding print job by a linking identifier; and wherein said validating means receives the print account jobs and validates a corresponding print job for printing in the case a valid print account job generated as the second print job has been received

Ferlitsch teaches a system wherein the network contains a plurality of client stations (Fig 4, clients 4 and 50) adapted to submit print jobs (capable of initiating print jobs of one or more documents) (col. 10, line 61-col. 11, line10), wherein each of the client stations includes means for generating and submitting a print account job (an additional file may be kept in the spool directory that maintains an ordered list of spooled print jobs for each printing device) (col. 10, lines 25-38), the print account job containing account information of a corresponding print job and linked to the corresponding print job by a linking identifier (each entry includes information for identifying the spool data, the header and queue information for a print job) (col. 10, lines 25-38).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitai with the teachings of Ferlitsch to allow a user to identify a spooled print job by its job ticket information.

Tuchitai et al and Ferlitsch fail to teach wherein the print account job is generated as a second print job.

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Tuchitoy et al, Ferlitsch, and Barrett et al fail to teach wherein said validating means receives the print account jobs and validates a corresponding print job for printing.

Imbrie et al teaches wherein said validating means receives the print account jobs and validates a corresponding print job for printing (requiring the user to input an ID is the first of two steps by which the print job is linked to the user at the printing assembly) (page 4, paragraph [0052]) (submits a secure ID to identify the account to which the print job belongs) (abstract).

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23. Regarding Claim 17, Tuchitoy et al teaches a computer program embodied on a computer-readable medium comprising program instructions for a computer to operate as a printer server in the system for processing print jobs in a network containing a client station adapted to submit print jobs (Fig. 1, host 100), and at least one printing device including a control unit and a printer (Fig. 1, printer 150), the control unit including storage means for storing the print jobs and the corresponding print account

jobs submitted from the client station to the printing device (Fig. 1, information manager 160 stores a print job or device information in the database) (col. 8, line 64 - col. 9, line 5); and means for validating the stored print jobs for printing (user ID and a password) (col. 10, lines 33-37), wherein said validating means receives the print account jobs (user ID and password are used for the authentication of a packet transmitted) (col. 10, lines 33-37).

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Ferlitsch teaches a system wherein the network contains a plurality of client stations (Fig 4, clients 4 and 50) adapted to submit print jobs (capable of initiating print jobs of one or more documents) (col. 10, line 61-col. 11, line10), wherein each of the client stations includes means for generating and submitting a print account job (an additional file may be kept in the spool directory that maintains an ordered list of spooled print jobs for each printing device) (col. 10, lines 25-38), the print account job containing account information of a corresponding print job and linked to the corresponding print job by a linking identifier (each entry includes information for

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Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoy, Ferlitsch, and Barrett with the teaching of Imbrie to have the print account job validate the corresponding print job to identify the account to which the print job belongs.

24. Regarding Claim 18, Tuchitoy fails to teach a system, wherein the linking identifier is a job name in a job name field of the second print job.

Ferlitsch teaches a system, wherein the linking identifier is a job name in a job name field of the second print job (this information may be the file base name of the spool data file containing the print job identification) (col. 10, lines 25-38).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoy with the teaching of Ferlitsch to link the job ticket to the print job so it is easily identifiable to the user.

25. Regarding Claim 19, Tuchitoy et al fails to teach a printing device, wherein the corresponding print account job contains account information of the print job and is linked to the print jobs by a linking identifier, and the linking identifier is a job name in a job name field of the second print job.

Ferlitsch teaches a printing device, wherein the corresponding print account job contains account information of the print job and is linked to the print jobs by a linking identifier, and the linking identifier is a job name in a job name field of the second print job (this information may be the file base name of the spool data file containing the print job identification) (col. 10, lines 25-38).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoy with the teaching of Ferlitsch to link the job ticket to the print job so it is easily identifiable to the user.

26. Claims 5 and 13 rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tuchitoy et al and Ferlitsch as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Gassho et al. (US 7,180,626).

27. Regarding Claim 5, Tuchitoy et al, Ferlitsch, Barrett, and Imbrie et al fail to teach a system, wherein a printer server comprises said means for validating stored print jobs for printing and wherein said validating means validates a print job by generating a print validation command for a corresponding print job and submitting the print validation command to the printing device.

Gassho et al teaches a system, wherein a printer server comprises said means for validating stored print jobs for printing and wherein said validating means validates a print job by generating a print validation command for a corresponding print job and submitting the print validation command to the printing device (print server separate from the printer) (col. 25, lines 11-18).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoy, Ferlitsch, Barrett, and Imbrie with the teaching of Gassho to have the print server validate the print jobs so all of job accounting information is stored at one central location.

28. Regarding Claim 13, Tuchitoy et al, Ferlitsch, Barrett, and Imbrie et al fail to teach a printer server, including means for validating stored print jobs for printing and wherein

said validating means validates a print job by generating a print validation command for a corresponding print job and submitting the print validation command to the printing device.

Gassho et al teaches a print server, including means for validating stored print jobs for printing and wherein said validating means validates a print job by generating a print validation command for a corresponding print job and submitting the print validation command to the printing device (print server separate from the printer) (col. 25, lines 11-18).

Therefore it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to have combined the teachings of Tuchitoy, Ferlitsch, Barrett, and Imbrie with the teaching of Gassho to have the print serve validate the print jobs so all of job accounting information is stored at one central location.

### ***Conclusion***

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